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TOPIC	1. Czech Security Troops in the Jachymov Area and near Lesnice		
	2. Barracks Installation in Liberec		
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1. Prior to mid-June 1953, about 30 barracks which were occupied by SNB were observed on both sides of a road near Lesnice (Lessnitz, N 51/P 68). About 50 percent of the billets allegedly quartered married SNB soldiers, while the other buildings were occupied by single SNB men. The soldiers were observed at drill, the SNB force stationed in the Lesnice area was in charge of six uranium pits and convict camps. Foundation holes were being dug near the billets which had been built there in about 1951. 25X1
2. Prior to early 1953, other SNB billets were located near Marianska (Mariasorg, N 51/L 60). The unit which was stationed there used the former Mariasorg pilgrimage church as a garage for 6 buses, 4 jeeps, 15 Jawa motorcycles and an unidentified number of sedans. The former monks' cells had been used as offices since February 1953. The SNB Barracks in Marianska included four low wooden buildings which since 1949 had quartered the 1st and 2d Co of an SNB unit whose headquarters was stationed at Jachymov (N 51/L 60). At that time, officers of the unit included Lieutenant Balisek (fnu), barracks commander, and Junior Lieutenant Schwarz (fnu), political officer. 25X1
The companies alternately also provided a party of about 10 men who wore civilian clothes and had to spy upon passengers in trains. The SNB soldiers were 20 to 35 years old but there were also some older men. In 1952, clerical work at the units was done by SNB women who wore uniforms. These women were also used to interrogate and search female prisoners. 25X1
3. Prior to early 1953, another SNB barracks installation was located near the Barbara pit, on the north side of the gravel road from Jachymov to Abertamy (Abertham, N 51/L 60). It included the former school house of a village and three newly constructed hutments. The installation quartered a unit of about 150 men which had to guard the Elias and Barbara pits and the convict camps at these pits. In early 1953, SNB soldiers assigned to the Rovnost convict camp said that an SNB school was established in a former resort hotel on the summit of Plessberg (hill), which was located 6 kilometers west of Jachymov and was 1,027 meters high. It was allegedly intended to train not more than 20 to 25 trainees during three months' courses there. Vehicles could approach the school from Abertamy only. 25X1

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4. In July 1953, the construction of an SNB supply depot near Vykmánov (Weidmesgruen, N 51/E 70) was completed. The installation included an almost square, large three-story brick building and allegedly stored rations and clothing.

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5. After early 1953, the SNB soldiers in the Jachymov area wore new-style steel-blue uniforms with open collars and visor-type service caps of the same color with red bands. Green shirts and green socks were worn with the uniforms. Soldiers on duty wore riding boots, while on holidays they usually wore long trousers with low black shoes. Enlisted personnel wore attachable blue-bordered red epaulets and, as rank insignia, blue crossbars and silver stars. Officers wore golden epaulets with blue breaks and golden stars. Sergeants wore one star and one crossbar, technical sergeants two stars and two crossbars, master sergeants three stars, and first sergeants four stars. The number of crossbars worn by master sergeants and first sergeants was not known exactly.¹

6. At Christmas 1953, a sentry who wore a gray uniform with knickerbockers was observed in front of the former Infantry Barracks near ul Rupertice (Ruppersdorfer Strasse) in Liberec (O 51/G 16). A wooden tank was observed in the yard. Other soldiers who wore gray uniforms were seen in the city.²

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Comment. The SNB special unit "Jerab" is charged with guarding the uranium pits and the convict camps connected with them. The headquarters of this unit is stationed at Jachymov, presumably with the 1st Bn. The 3d Bn is stationed at Horní Slavkov, and the 4th Bn with an independent company, which is presumably the replacement company, is located in Příbram. The location of the 2d Bn is still unknown. In the fall of 1953, each of the four battalions had an average strength of about 700 men, so that the units totalled an estimated 3,000 men. Since the former Kaiserwald troop training grounds has been integrated into the uranium area in the fall of 1953, the strength of the Jerab unit has possibly increased.

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Comment. The troops stationed now at Liberec are unidentified. No previous reports mentioned that gray uniforms with knickerbockers are worn by army units and security troops.

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